

## REMARKS

Applicants confirm the election of Group I claims 1-4, 7 and the elected species shown on the top of page 35. As a result of this amendment, claims 1-3, 7 have been amended, claims 10 and 11 have been added as new claims, claims 5-6, 8-9 have been cancelled. Claims 1-4, 7, 10-11 are presently pending. No new matter has been added to this application by way of amendment. Applicants have cancelled the non-elected subject matter and reserve the right to file in one or more cases any non-elected subject matter in this case without prejudice under 35 USC 121.

In the Office Action, pages 3 – 4, the Examiner has identified the following scope of the elected subject matter as being examined:

R1, R2, R4 and R8 as claimed;

R3 as claimed except any heterocyclyl substitution;

L is -NHC(O)-, -NHC(O)-O-, -NHC(O)C(O)-.

Claims 1-4, 7 have been rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph.

While not agreeing with the propriety of the rejection and solely to advance prosecution in the case, Applicants have limited “endothelial dysfunction” to those listed in original claim 5 : insulin resistance syndrome, hypertension, angina, ischemia, ischemic stroke, renal disease and Raynaud’s disease.

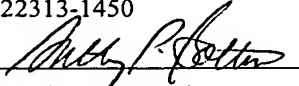
It is believed the claims are in compliance with 35 USC 112, second paragraph.

Withdrawal of the rejection is therefore respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone discussion would be helpful in expediting allowance of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below listed telephone number.

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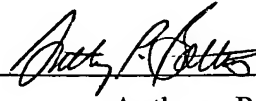


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